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**2011 Tillman Military Scholars  
Application Opens March 7**

*Veterans, active servicemembers and their families are eligible*

Tempe, Ariz. (March 4, 2011) – The Pat Tillman Foundation is pleased to announce the third annual Tillman Military Scholars application process opens Monday, March 7, 2011 at 12:00 a.m. EST. The Tillman Military Scholars program provides educational scholarships for veterans, active servicemembers and their direct dependents (spouse and children).

For specific details on eligibility and to apply online please visit: <http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org/tillman-military-scholars/apply/>. A limited number of applications will be accepted. Once that limit is reached, the application will close and a message will be posted on the Pat Tillman Foundation website. All applicants will receive notification of selection results via e-mail no later than June 21, 2011. All scholarships will be granted for the 2011/2012 academic year.

In 2008, the Pat Tillman Foundation established the Tillman Military Scholars program to support educational opportunities for servicemembers and their families by filling the financial gaps in the Post-9/11 G.I. Bill. The Tillman Military Scholars program covers direct study-related expenses such as tuition and books, as well as, other basic needs such as housing and childcare.

The Pat Tillman Foundation awarded \$642,000 to the 2009 inaugural class of 52 Tillman Military Scholars and \$709,000 to the 2010 class of 59 Tillman Military Scholars. Those selected for the program are connected by their intense desire to improve their own lives while continuing to serve their country and communities in a variety of ways.

Tillman Military Scholars are pursuing education at every level from freshmen undergraduates to PhD candidates and represent 46 different institutions across 28 states.

The need for education funding has never been greater. Each year over 300,000 troops complete their military service and return to school or work. More than 2 million veterans have served in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001. More than one million children have had a parent deployed since September 11, 2001.

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**About the Pat Tillman Foundation**

Family and friends established the Pat Tillman Foundation in 2004, following Pat's death while serving with the 75th Ranger Regiment in Afghanistan. Created to honor Pat's legacy and pay tribute to his commitment to leadership and service, the Pat Tillman Foundation is a national leader in providing educational support and resources to veterans, active servicemembers and their dependents. Inspired by Pat's attributes of leadership, passion for education and spirit of service, the Foundation annually awards educational scholarships through the Tillman Military Scholars program. To date, the Foundation has provided over \$1.3 million in scholarships to 111 active servicemembers, veterans and dependents.

For more information on the Pat Tillman Foundation, visit [www.pattillmanfoundation.org](http://www.pattillmanfoundation.org).

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